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September 29, 1989

Mr. Clayton Stocks
P.O. Box 414
Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. Stocks:

Re: Reclamation of Red Rock Mine, S & S Mining, M/037/050, San Juan County, Utah

This letter is written to provide you with updated information regarding the Red Rock Mine reclamation. Also, I am providing you with a final copy of the reclamation estimate. This estimate covers the amount of surety required in the event the revegetation must be redone. The Division recognizes that the seeding will have been accomplished by October 15, 1989.

As we discussed earlier, over the phone, and discussed in my field memo which I copied to you, the BLM is in concordance with the seed mix, mulching exemption, and seeding the first week of October.

I addressed the Board on the forfeiture issue on September 28, 1989 (please see attached memo). The Board has agreed to postpone any action until November of 1989. I plan to address the Board again this October 26, 1989, in regard to the Red Rock reclamation. At that time, I will ask them to approve the new form and amount of surety for the Red Rock Mine, which will be \$1650. Once approved, the Division will release $\$15,000 - \$1,650 = \$13,350$ to you as a partial bond release (end of October 1989). The remainder, we will release after it is apparent that the revegetation effort has been successful.

Please return, to me, a copy of the Reclamation Contract and surety by October 6, 1989. I will need the information, complete, at this early date for inclusion in our Board Briefing Book.

Thank you for your diligence and attention.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd
Reclamation Specialist/Permit Lead

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Enclosure
cc: L. Robert Anderson
Lowell Braxton
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September 14, 1989

TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

THRU: Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director, Mining *LAB*

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist/Permit Lead *HKS*

RE: Board Update on the Status of the Red Rock Mine, S & S Mining Company, M/037/050, San Juan County, Utah

In August of 1988, the Division requested, and was subsequently granted, from the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, approval to initiate forfeiture procedures against S & S Mining Company for the reclamation of the Red Rock Mine. A letter was later sent to Mr. Clayton Stocks, of S & S Mining Company, informing him that a formal Board hearing had been scheduled for September 28, 1989 to determine the question of forfeiture. The letter was dated August 9, 1989 and signed by Greg Williams.

Shortly after the Board letter was sent, the Division received a call from Mr. Stocks indicating that he was ready to comply with the Division's request to reclaim the site.

A date was set for August 30, 1989 to meet with the operator on site to discuss reclamation specifics. The appointment was met (see attached field report). I plan to meet the operator on site again on September 20, 1989 to confirm that the dirt work, grading decline reclamation, and hole plugging has taken place.

Since contacting us last month, the operator has shown good faith in addressing the Division's requests and meeting the commitments made in the original Mining and Reclamation Plan. The Division recommends to the Board, that no forfeiture action be taken against the operator at this point in time, and that such action be postponed until November of 1989.

If by November of 1989, all reclamation work has been completed, at the Red Rock site, the Division will recommend to the Board that all forfeiture action be dropped.

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Attachments
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Reclamation Estimate
for
S and S Mining Co.

Red Rock Mine
San Juan County
M/037/050

Prepared by DOGM
September 29, 1989

Description, Red Rock Mine

The site covers 9 acres of surface disturbance. All nine acres of this disturbance have been retopsoiled, regraded and ripped, as of September 30, 1989. Seeding and scarification is scheduled to take place by the first week of October, 1989. At this point the site will be completely reclaimed, and the revegetation response period will commence. An estimate for reclamation work, yet to be completed, follows:

Revegetation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>\$/Unit</u>	<u>\$/Acre</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>\$ Total *</u>
<u>Bare Costs</u>						
Seed Mix	14	lb	9	126	9	1130
<u>Application Costs</u>						
Seed Mix (hand broadcast)	.5hr		24	12	.9	110
Scarify (tractor and chain)	.3 hr		67	20	.9	180
Subtotal						1420

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Red Rock Mine Reclamation Estimate
M/037/050
September 29, 1989

10% Contingency	140
Total in 1989 \$'s	1560
Escalation (1.93% annually for 3 years)	90
Total in 1992 \$'s	1650

* Figures have been rounded to nearest \$10

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